GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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INTRODUCTION OF HERITAGE TOURISM TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Railways have signed a Memorandum ofUnderstanding with the various State Governments including Karnataka for introduction of Heritage Tourism Train, Palace on Wheels;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of each MOU?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (c): The Indian Railways have signed a Memorandumof Understanding (MoU) with the Maharashtra Government to operate a luxury tourist train in the Maharashtra sector. The Indian Railways have also finalised another MoU with the KarnatakaGovernment to operate a luxury tourist train in Karnataka. The MoU with the Karnataka Governmenthas not been signed so far. It has been included in the above MoUs thatthe Railways should be responsible for operating the train whereas the State Governments should provide all onboard and on-ground hospitality services.

The shells for the luxury tourist train for the Maharashtra sector are under production.